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# A Brief Look upon ISLAM

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In the Name of Allâh,  
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

“Truly, the religion with Allâh is Islâm.”  
(3:19)

“And whoever seeks a religion other  
than Islâm, it will never be accepted of  
him, and in the Hereafter he will be one  
of the losers.” (3:85)

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## Introduction

This message is for any freethinking and broad-minded human being. It is for any seeker of the truth who might once have wondered what the religion of Islam is all about, who God (Allâh) is, what the ultimate goal of man's existence is. These questions and many others come up on different occasions but are brushed aside for various reasons.

Islam is indeed a misunderstood and misrepresented religion in the West. "This is hardly surprising," the Frenchman, Dr. Maurice Bucaille, objectively remarks in the introduction of his book, *The Bible, the Qur'ân and the Science*.<sup>1</sup>

When we consider the way so many generations in the West were instructed in the religious problems facing humanity and admit the ignorance in which they were kept about anything related to Islam.

Hence, Islamic ideals remain obscure from the vast majority of non-Muslims.

This booklet does not claim to answer all the questions you may wish to have answered. However, it will open before you a new dimension of thinking and enable you to realize the importance of your role as a human being in this universe and the relationship between you and your Creator, God, the All-Mighty Allâh ﷻ. It presents Islam to you in a nutshell and provides straightforward answers to many questions about Islam and about its credibility.

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<sup>1</sup> The book was originally written in French, entitled *La Bible, le Coran et la Science* (Paris: Publishers Seghers, 1976). Its first English edition was *The Bible, the Qur'ân and the Science*, translated by Alastair D. Pannell and the author, (Indianapolis: American Trust Publications, 1979).

By reading this booklet, you can learn about Allâh ﷻ, the last of His Scriptures, the last of His Prophets and Messengers, Islam, the role of man in this life, and other related topics.

Lest one may think that there is an English version of the Qur'ân, I would like to draw the reader's attention to the fact that the only language of the Qur'ân is Arabic. While the Qur'ânic quotations and Prophetic traditions cited in this booklet are presented with "Allâh ﷻ says" or "the Prophet ﷺ says," the English rendering of their words gives only the general meaning of their words.

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## Formulas used in this book:

Arabic Formula	Symbolic Image	English Translation
عز وجل	عَزَّ وَجَلَّ	Might and majesty belong to Him!
صلى الله عليه وسلم	ﷺ	May the peace and blessings of Allâh be upon him!
عليه السلام	عليه السلام	May peace be upon him!
رضى الله عنه	رضي الله عنه	May Allâh be pleased with him!
رضى الله عنها	رضي الله عنها	May Allâh be pleased with her!

## Who is Allâh ﷻ?

‘Allâh’ is the proper name applied to the True God, Who exists Alone, and includes all His Excellent Divine Names and Perfect Attributes. Allâh ﷻ is One and Unique. He has no son, partner or equal. He is the Sole Creator and Sustainer of the universe. Every creature bears witness to His Oneness, Divinity and Lordship (*Rubûbiyah*)<sup>1</sup> as well as to the uniqueness of His Attributes and Names. His Essence does not resemble any other essences. There is none like unto Him. He is the One, the Sole, and the Indivisible. He is the Lord without Whom no affairs are accomplished, and to Whom Lordship ultimately belongs. He neither begets nor is begotten. He is not inherent in anything, nor is anything inherent in Him. All creatures stand in need of Him, yet He stands in need of none.

Allâh ﷻ is the Omnipotent and the Omniscient, the One Whose knowledge comprehends in the most perfect manner, all things, hidden or manifest. But He is far greater than what can be encompassed by the knowledge of His creatures. Allâh ﷻ, the Supreme, is the Lord of everything, Who has a free hand in the disposal of all affairs. He is Merciful; One Whose mercy is boundless and encompasses everything. He is far removed from injustice and tyranny. His justice ensures order in the universe where nothing is out of order. There is no one to share His dominion, nor does He take a helper or supporter from His creatures. He is the Lord of the worlds. He is above the seven heavens, above His Throne in the manner that suits His Grandeur and Majesty.

<sup>1</sup> Lordship is *Rubûbiyah* in Arabic. It derives from *Rabb*, denoting ‘Lord’ and connoting the Creator and the Cherisher, the One Who gives life and causes death.